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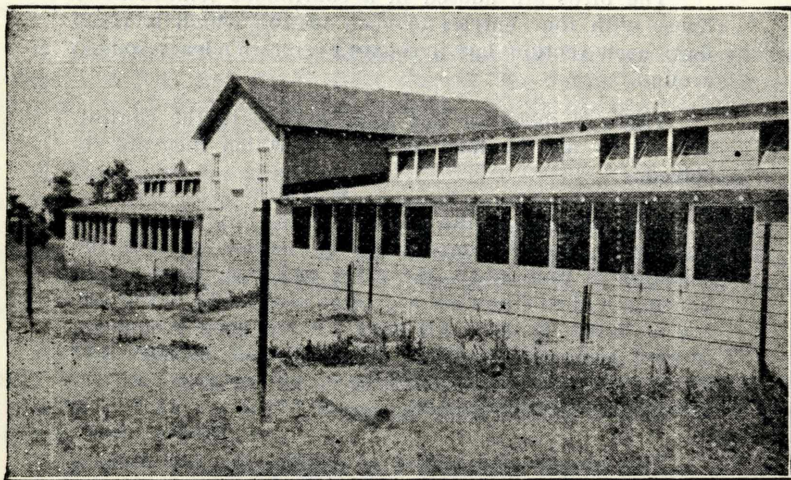
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Rules And Regulations For The Fifth Utah Intermountain Egg-Laying Contest

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The Contest Building

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GENERAL INFORMATION

THIS contest is conducted on a part of the Utah Agricultural College Farm near the experimental poultry yards. It is managed by the Poultry Department with an experienced poultry raiser in direct charge of the feeding and care of the hens in the contest. The buildings, grounds, and fences were built and furnished by the Experiment Station.

The birds are housed in a continuous semi-monitor house with four entries to each section which is 10x20 feet; each section has a separate run in clean, sodded ground.

There is room for but forty entries in the contest. All entries will be filed in order in which they are received.

The purpose of the contest is to impress on the poultry raisers the importance of greater care in the selection of their fowls, the value of proper feeding and housing, and to stimulate a greater interest in the breeding of better fowls. All hens are not good producers; in fact, many are very poor due to the lack of vigor and vitality of their dams and sires or to the poor care received during their growing period.

The contest also makes it possible for any breeder to have his strain of fowls tested for production and compared with other strains under the same conditions. It gives him an individual trapnest record of each hen entered from which he may select the foundation for a breeding pen, or it may show the necessity of discarding these fowls to start with something better.

Any poultry-producing section is unbalanced unless there are some breeding farms and hatcheries in that district working to build up the quality of the flock and making it possible for the producers to select day-old chicks or pullets from strains which are known to be good.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FIFTH UTAH INTERMOUNTAIN EGG-LAYING CONTEST

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1. This contest is known as the Utah Intermountain Egg-laying Contest conducted by the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, Logan, Utah.

2. The contest will begin on November 1, 1928, and will close on October 24, 1929, extending over a period of exactly fifty-one weeks.

3. Each pen shall consist of ten purebred pullets of the same standard variety with three additional pullets as alternates to take care of mortality or disqualifying losses during the contest. No additional birds can be added.

4. The sum total of the eggs produced by the ten highest birds of each entry at any given time during the contest will determine the position of that pen in the contest. Only the ten highest birds will be considered as in competition.

5. The entry fee shall be THIRTEEN DOLLARS for each pen entered, or \$1 a bird. The **full amount** must accompany the application. If entry is canceled and contest management notified before October 25, 1928, the full amount will be refunded; if canceled after that date one-half of the entry fee is forfeited to the contest.

6. The contest management reserves the right to reject any entry and to kill and burn any bird or birds whose presence, due to disease, vices, or other cause, may constitute a hazard to other birds in the contest.

7. Any bird arriving with any standard disqualification, except white in face, clipped wings, and squirrel tail, will not be allowed to receive prizes in the contest; the owner will be notified and allowed one week to replace disqualified bird or birds.

8. After the fowls have been received and placed in the contest pens, no entry can be withdrawn. Any contestant failing to abide by the rules of the contest subjects his pen to confiscation, and the birds will be sold for the credit of the contest.

9. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect the fowls and prevent loss, but the Experiment Station will not be responsible should death or losses occur.

10. Uniform care will be given all pens. Feeding and management will be directed entirely by the Poultry Department of the Experiment Station. The decision of the management in regard to all details of the contest shall be considered final.

11. A trapnest record of each pullet will be kept, and the contest shall be decided by the total number of marketable eggs laid by each pen. Abnormal eggs or those weighing less than 18 ounces to the dozen previous to February first or less than 20 ounces to the dozen after February first shall not be given official credit. All eggs will be weighed and the weight of each egg recorded on the egg record which is sent to the owner of each entry.

12. A careful record shall be kept of all eggs laid outside of the trapnest. These eggs will be added to the pen total but not to any individual hen's record.

13. Special recognition and awards will be made to the pens and hens producing the highest number of marketable eggs for the year. Weight of eggs will be given special consideration.

14. A special certificate will be sent to the owner of each hen with a record of over 225 eggs for the year.

15. A report of the contest will be sent out each month to each contestant and the farm and poultry papers of this section. Additional copies of any month's report or the final report will be furnished to the contestants at cost.

16. Owners' names and pen numbers will appear in these reports. A change of name of ownership will not be made during the contest period.

17. Those making entries in this contest will be given preference in the contest to start the next year.

18. All entries must be shipped **PREPAID** to the **Egg-Laying Contest, Utah Experiment Station, Logan, Utah.** to arrive here on October 30 or 31, 1928. The birds should be sent in good shipping crates. At the end of the contest the fowls will be returned in these crates at the expense of their owners.

19. Each pullet should be examined carefully for any indication of weakness or disease. Only vigorous, well-developed pullets should be shipped, and before shipping all birds must be treated for lice. Dusting each pullet with sodium fluoride is recommended.

20. Any contestant may enter a second pen of a different variety or of the same variety, provided the second pen does not keep out a first-pen entry of another contestant.

21. All entries will be filed and recorded in the order in which they are received. To avoid duplicate numbers sealed leg bands will be furnished by the contest manager.

22. All birds entered in this contest must be hatched from eggs produced in the contestant's own breeding pens.